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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - BAHAMIAN INTEREST IN CARIBBEAN SERVICES
INVESTIGATION

REF: STATE 80723

1. BAHAMIAN AMBASSADOR TO U.S., JOHNSON, VISITED DEPT ON
MAY 24 TO INQUIRE ABOUT SCOPE OF SUBJECT CAB INVESTIGATION,
ESPECIALLY AS IT AFFECTED THE STATUS OF PAN AM'S SUSPENSION
IN THE BAHAMAS. HE WAS ACQUAINTED WITH PARA 3 REFTL, AND
WAS APPARENTLY CONCERNED THAT THE INVESTIGATION WOULD NOT
ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF PAN AM'S NASSAU SUSPENSION. HE ASKED
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WHETHER OR NOT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE GOCB TO
ENTER COMMENTS IN THE PROCEEDING, ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO
THE PAN AM SUSPENSION AUTHORITY, AND INQUIRED ABOUT THE
STATUS OF THE SUSPENSION FOR NASSAU AND FREEPORT (INDICATING
THAT GCOB WOULD PREFER EITHER PROMPT RESUMPTION OF PAN AM'S
SERVICES OR THE AWARD OF THE ROUTES TO ANOTHER AIRLINE).
THE AMBASSADOR ALSO EXPRESSED HIS INTENTION TO VISIT

AMERICAN AIRLINES FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING WITH THEM THEIR INTEREST IN SERVING THE BAHAMAS. IT WAS ALSO MENTIONED THAT BAHAMASAIR CONTINUES TO BE INTERESTED IN GAINING ACCESS TO ADDITIONAL US POINTS.

2. DEPTOFF RESPONDED TO AMBASSADOR JOHNSON BY EXPLAINING THAT INTENT OF SUBJECT INVESTIGATION IS TO EVALUATE ADEQUACY OF US AIRLINE SERVICE TO CARIBBEAN POINTS, INCLUDING SERVICE ON CURRENTLY SUSPENDED ROUTES. APPLICATIONS BY US AIRLINES FOR ADDITIONAL CARIBBEAN RIGHTS WOULD BE CONSIDERED IN THE COURSE OF THIS PROCEEDING. IF GCOB DECIDES TO SUBMIT COMMENTS, THESE SHOULD BEST BE TRANSMITTED THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS, IT WAS SAID. PAN AM'S SUSPENSION AUTHORITY FOR NASSAU EXPIRES IN DECEMBER 1977. PROSPECTS FOR THE CONTINUATION OR TERMINATION OF THIS SUSPENSION ARE UNKNOWN. A COPY OF THE CAB ORDER INITIATING THE INVESTIGATION WAS DELIVERED TO THE AMBASSADOR. WITH REGARD TO BAHAMASAIR ASPIRATIONS FOR AN EXPANSION OF ITS US ROUTE RIGHTS, DEPTOFF INDICATED THERE WAS ALREADY CONSIDERABLE CONCERN ABOUT THE POTENTIAL OF BAHAMIAN AIRLINES IN DIVERTING FROM US AIRLINES TRAFFIC BETWEEN THE US AND EUROPE. AMBASSADOR JOHNSON AGREED THAT LOCATION OF BAHAMAS IS CONDUCIVE TO DIVERSION. HE CITED A RECENT APPLICATION FILED BY EL AL FOR LUXEMBOURG-BAHAMAS-MEXICO CITY SERVICE, AND INDICATED THAT THE PROPOSED SERVICE WOULD BE GEARED TO US SOURCE TRAFFIC.

3. AMBASSADOR JOHNSON INFORMED DEPT THAT THE BAHAMIAN MINISTER FOR CIVIL AVIATION, CLEMENT MAYNARD, AND HIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PERMANENT SECRETARY, BELTRAM BETHEL, WOULD BE VISITING WASHINGTON MAY 26 OR 27. AS DESIRED BY THEM, AN APPOINTMENT WITH APPROPRIATE CAB OFFICIALS HAS BEEN ARRANGED. VANCE

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